

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 342

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Mr. Allen Ramsey for his laudable service to the people of Tennessee and congratulate him on having achieved recognition as the "Tennessee Grand Champion Auctioneer".

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary professional efforts, have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, One such noteworthy person is Mr. Allen Ramsey, who in December of 2000 won the State Auction Contest, where he competed against seventeen other entries and was among the five finalists before winning the coveted title of "Tennessee Grand Champion Auctioneer"; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work auctioning for Ron Ramsey and Associates, which he has done since 1990, Allen Ramsey currently auctions for East Tennessee Auto Auction and for Dominion Auto Auction; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the Mendenhall School of Auction in High Point, North Carolina, Mr. Ramsey was first licensed in 1985 and lent his auctioning skills to Apple Realty and Auction from 1986-90; and

WHEREAS, A life-long resident of Sullivan County, Allen Ramsey grew up on a farm in Blountville, and he continues to love farming and currently raises cattle and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Allen Ramsey epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Ramsey for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Allen Ramsey for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him on becoming the official "Tennessee Grand Champion Auctioneer," and extend to him our best wishes for every future success, including wishing him the best of luck as he represents this grand State at the National Auctioneer Association in Boise, Idaho in July 2001.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.